

Caddo Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Caddo	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	21.1%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	31.1%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	9.3%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$7,298	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	93.6%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	7.8%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	13.5	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	81.0%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	72.6%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	12.2%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	16.6%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	8.3	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	905.8	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	604.4	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	7.2*	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	261.2	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	221.7	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	62.7	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	43.0	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	39.5	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	57.6	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	10.1	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.6	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 7	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	22.0%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI >30 (adults 20+)	27.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	70.8%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	82.7%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	68.3%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Caddo Parish, originally part of the Natchitoches District, came into existence on January 18, 1838. The parish takes its name from Caddo Indians, who, in 1835, sold their territory (comprising all of Caddo Parish, parts of Arkansas, and East Texas) to the United States for \$80,000. Long before the early European explorers made their way into the territory, the tribes of the Caddo Nation were well established in the Red River valley. Along the western border of the parish, the mounds which marked the international boundary between the U.S. and the Republic of Texas still exist. These markers are five feet high and 15 feet in diameter and were erected a mile apart. Caddo Parish was one of the few areas that remained in the hands of the Confederacy during the Civil War. From 1863 to 1865 the new parish courthouse served as the wartime capitol. The last surrender of arms in the state occurred on the courthouse square in Shreveport.



Steeped with southern tradition coupled with modern progressiveness, Caddo and Bossier Parishes offer a variety of attractions, festivals, nationally-acclaimed sporting events, art galleries and museums. Linked together by the nation's largest neon-lit bridge, Shreveport and Bossier City offer abundant shopping, accommodations and specialty foods.

Parish Seat³ Shreveport

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Shreveport

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	252,161
2003 (estimate)	250,342
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	52.9%
African-American	44.6%
Some other race.....	2.5%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	1.5%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	6.9%
5-14	15.1%
15-17	4.8%
18-19	3.1%
20-24	7.1%
25-64	49.4%
65 & over	13.7%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	174ft.
Land area in square miles	882
Water area in square miles	54.9

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	65°
January	55°
July	93°
Annual average rainfall	50 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Caddo Parish

Civilian.....	117,860
Employed	110,474
Unemployed.....	7,386
Unemployment.....	6.3%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Bossier Parish Community College
- Centenary College
- Louisiana State University and A&M College, Shreveport
- Southern University and A&M College, Shreveport

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<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
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4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary
<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.